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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- U.S. Patent 4,626,999 discloses an apparatus for controlled manipulation of laser focus point. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1, 2, 6 - 8 and 10.
- FR 2 663 583 discloses a device for automatically orientating a tool. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1 and 10. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

The following references have been cited in the corresponding priority application.

- DE 43 35 367 discloses a robotic manipulator hand for three-dimensional workpiece treatment, e.g. of car body components - has two orthogonal axes along which laser beam is

propagated successively with deflection by internal mirror. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 100 38 309 discloses a method for welding building components. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- EP 1 228 835 discloses a system and method for remote laser welding. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

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